

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2010, 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	A 09	S 09	O 09	N 09	D 09	J 10	F 10	M 10	A 10	M 10	J 10	J 10	APPOINTED BY:
Linda Scarcell-Degrave					P	+	+	P	+	P	+	A	Donald D. Slesnick, II
Sandra Mannis					P	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	Maria Anderson
Andy Gomez					E	+	+	A	+	A	+	A	Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Bonnie Blaire					P	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Dr. Richard Whittington					P	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	Wayne "Chip" Withers

P - Present

E - Excused Absence

A - Absent

(*) No Meeting

The members present constituted a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Mrs. Blaire.

Disabled Parking Enforcement Patrol

Mrs. Blaire introduced to the Board members Officer Kelly Denham, Coral Gables Police Department, and Community Affairs Officer. Mrs. Blaire explained that this Board's directive from last November 2009 and continuing in 2010, determined it was necessary and beneficial to our citizens and to our City to renew efforts and to fund the Coral Gables Disabled Parking Enforcement Patrol Program.

Toward that end, Officer Denham, Sergeant Frevola, Trish Rodriguez and Mrs. Blaire met on June 16, 2010 at the Coral Gables Police Department. Chief Naue also visited the meeting. Sergeant Frevola and Officer Denham presented their extensive research which encompassed nationwide data search concerning disabled parking enforcement patrol programs. Florida is a model state. The research provides an array of Florida models for the enforcement patrols, including model municipal codes and regulations (used in Stuart, Florida).

Locally, Miami Beach has the most updated and active disabled parking patrol program. The City of North Miami Beach Mayor, Myron Rosner, has done much to support and enhance their program. Our police representatives are in contact with North Miami Beach personnel in the training and operation of the disabled parking patrol.

Considerations:

1. Training and Volunteers – Volunteers who have completed the security background check can be trained at either a Miami-Dade location for less than \$50.00 per student; or (2) Coral Gables can hire a trainer to prepare a class in the City of Coral Gables. Locating volunteers who can pass the security clearance has historically been the greatest obstacle to this program. In June 2010, Officer Denham had identified (2) volunteers who have been cleared and are ready to train.

2. IT Component – It will be necessary to use specialized software to track various data components of this project. This will insure safety of volunteers, as well as appropriate administration, use of personnel, expense records, revenue records, etc.
3. Equipment and Supply Expenses
 - a. Training cost tuition for 16 hours at Miami-Dade location, travel and parking reimbursement for training
 - b. Uniforms: hats and shirts with emblems
 - c. Ticket books (or computerized ticket books)
 - d. 2-way radio (per enforcement team)
 - e. Travel and parking reimbursement for court appearances
 - f. Other...
4. Timeline – Projects are to start with the 2 volunteers, perhaps expand to 4 – 10 volunteers ready for training by October 2010.
5. Public Relations Campaign – The Board and Police Department will work with the City to prepare a public education and information program concerning the re-activation of the Disabled Parking and Enforcement Patrol.
6. Revenue Production – In accordance with the governing statutes, the City of Coral Gables will receive enhanced parking fine revenues, not only from Coral Gables' enforcement program, but we will participate in an additional share of revenues from other Miami-Dade fines collected in the county's cities and municipalities which do not have a disabled parking patrol program in place. There are some statutory limitations on the uses of these revenues.

This Board and the Police Department should anticipate that the Disabled Parking Enforcement Patrol will be financially productive immediately upon commencement of on-street enforcement; however, actual distribution and receipt of revenues into the City of Coral Gables will occur on a schedule established by Miami-Dade County government. Therefore, funding for this program will be maintained through Public Works Department (as has been done historically). A portion of the revenues are also expected to be applied to the Police Department as it is related to the work of this Disabled Parking Enforcement Patrol (as has been done historically).

This Board had previously estimated \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00 needed for this start-up program. These funds will be renewable.

The members in attendance, by unanimous vote of affirmation, determined to proceed with the Disabled Parking Enforcement Patrol program. The Board extends its thanks to Chief Naue, Sergeant Frevola, Officer Denham, the Coral Gables Police Department and the Public Works Department for their continuing commitment to this program.

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The Board anticipated that Commissioner Cabrera would need to appoint a replacement Board member.

Next meeting: September 14, 2010, 8:00 am, Youth Center